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1. The following is a report on rail traffic through Lutfabad from 1 April through 14 April 1952:

- 1 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 5 trains, composed of 50 boxcars, 27 passenger cars, 8 tank cars, 6 gondolas of boxes, 5 gondolas of material, and 7 empty gondolas; 5 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 49 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 113 tank cars, and 1 gondola of material; 4 night trains.
- 2 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 8 trains, composed of 121 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 64 tank cars, 4 gondolas of trucks, 7 gondolas of material, and 16 empty gondolas; 7 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 6 trains, composed of 32 passenger cars and 50 tank cars; 9 night trains.
- 3 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 7 trains, composed of 30 boxcars, 33 passenger cars, and 217 tank cars; 8 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 24 boxcars, 18 passenger cars, 131 tank cars, 24 gondolas of material, and 25 empty gondolas; 9 night trains.
- 4 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 3 trains, composed of 15 passenger cars and 98 tank cars; 3 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 6 trains, composed of 50 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 76 tank cars, 7 gondolas of material, and 23 empty gondolas; 4 night trains.

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- 5 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 5 trains, composed of 61 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 129 tank cars, 3 gondolas of trucks, and 12 gondolas of material; 8 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 53 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 132 tank cars, and 34 empty gondolas; 8 night trains.
- 6 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 7 trains, composed of 42 boxcars, 17 passenger cars, 68 tank cars, and 16 gondolas of material; 6 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 63 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, and 94 tank cars; 2 night trains.
- 7 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 7 trains, composed of 96 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 98 tank cars, 5 gondolas of trucks, 22 gondolas of material, and 10 empty gondolas; 6 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 2 trains, composed of 3 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 103 tank cars, and 17 empty gondolas; 9 night trains.
- 8 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 8 trains, composed of 46 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 200 tank cars, 4 gondolas of trucks, and 13 gondolas of material; 9 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 4 trains, composed of 44 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 215 tank cars, and 14 empty gondolas; 14 night trains.
- 9 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 9 trains, composed of 35 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 132 tank cars, 5 gondolas of trucks, 4 gondolas of covered boxes, and 13 gondolas of material; 3 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 25 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 100 tank cars, and 3 empty gondolas; 3 night trains.
- 10 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 6 trains, composed of 58 boxcars, 115 tank cars, 25 gondolas of trucks, and 7 gondolas of material; 7 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 101 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 49 tank cars, and 53 gondolas of trucks; 9 night trains.
- 11 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 6 trains, composed of 108 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 98 tank cars, 16 gondolas of boxes, 12 gondolas of trucks, and 3 gondolas of material; 9 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 3 trains, composed of 31 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 15 tank cars, 3 gondolas of trucks, and 24 empty gondolas; 4 night trains.
- 12 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 3 trains, composed of 37 boxcars, 17 passenger cars, 95 tank cars, 6 gondolas of boxes, and 5 gondolas of material; 6 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 7 trains, composed of 30 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 155 tank cars, 52 gondolas of trucks, 83 gondolas of jeeps, and 5 empty gondolas; 7 night trains.
- 13 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 4 trains, composed of 32 boxcars, 177 tank cars, and 8 gondolas of material; 7 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 5 trains, composed of 31 passenger cars and 154 tank cars; 5 night trains.
- 14 April Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: 6 trains, composed of 31 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 186 tank cars, 1 gondola of trucks, and 22 gondolas of material; 5 night trains.
- Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: 6 trains, composed of 43 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 193 tank cars, and 3 empty gondolas; 5 night trains.

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2. The following were observed in the Astara area:¹

- 4 April 1 boat, 4 trucks, 2 jeeps, 17 officers, 23 soldiers, and 10 rockets.
- 5 April 9 trucks, 3 jeeps, 1 automobile, 17 officers, 54 soldiers, and 4 carts.
- 6 April 6 trucks, 5 jeeps, 1 automobile, 11 officers, 41 soldiers, and 11 carts.
- 7 April 1 boat, 11 trucks, 3 jeeps, 1 automobile, 10 officers, 75 soldiers, 10 rockets, and 6 carts.
- 8 April 3 boats, 1 train, 14 trucks, 4 jeeps, 8 officers, and 64 soldiers.
- 9 April 1 boat, 3 trucks, 7 officers, and 38 soldiers.

3. The following activities were observed at the times and places indicated:

- 9 April Chat post², Gorgan Brigade: 42 trucks and 12 jeeps went from east to west at 1700 hours.
 - 10 April Serakhs post: 32 trucks and 3 biplane aircraft arrived at Serakhs from the direction of Kand Koli.
 - 11 April Namin post: All outposts and trenches were reinforced with mortars and machine guns.
 - 12 April Serakhs post: 12 trucks and 3 airplanes arrived at Serakhs from Kand Koli, possibly to replace the personnel at the post.
 - 15 April Astara post: Soviets waited on the frontier, in groups of five or six, for an opportunity to rob someone.
- Ordubad post: The post was reinforced to 75 men.
- (?)³ Garnd post: There was a great deal of activity last night. Large numbers of soldiers were established at Balarrud and north of there.

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- 1. [] Comment. No further explanation was given regarding the contents of this paragraph.
- 2. [] Comment. This post was not located on available maps. The post in question apparently is in the Damlu-Astara area.
- 3. [] Comment. No date was given for this incident, but the context would indicate that it took place 15 April, i.e., during the night of 14-15 April.

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The following is a report of Soviet rail and road traffic along the Iranian border for the period 8-14 April 1952.

Dzhulfa Area

1. Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:

8 April - 4 trains; 25 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 14 tank cars, 30 empty gondolas¹; 1 night train.

Road: 35 trucks, 2 jeeps, and 95 soldiers.²

9 April - 3 trains; 5 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 39 tank cars, and 8 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

Road: 26 trucks, 4 jeeps, 2 cars, and 85 soldiers.

10 April - 3 trains; 58 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 29 tank cars, and 5 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Road: 39 trucks, 1 car, and 125 soldiers.

11 April - 3 trains; 23 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 20 tank cars, and 23 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Road: 55 trucks, 4 jeeps, 3 cars, and 65 soldiers.

12 April - 2 trains; 18 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 13 tank cars, and 7 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Road: 69 trucks, 4 jeeps, 6 cars, and 125 soldiers.

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13 April - 2 trains; 27 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 9 tank cars, and 15 empty gondolas; 3 night trains.

Road: 36 trucks, 4 jeeps, and 75 soldiers.

14 April - 2 trains; 14 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 8 tank cars, and 16 (or 6 ?) empty gondolas; 1 night train.

Road: 39 trucks, 6 jeeps, 4 cars, and 120 soldiers.

2. Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:

8 April - 4 trains; 13 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, 22 tank cars, 2 gondolas of cars, 7 gondolas of material, and 10 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

9 April - 4 trains; 26 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 2 gondolas of cars, 20 gondolas of material, and 12 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

10 April - 6 trains; 29 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 23 tank cars, 15 gondolas of material, and 13 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

11 April - 4 trains; 34 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 21 tank cars, and 39 gondolas of material; 1 night train.

12 April - 2 trains; 2 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, and 22 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

13 April - 3 trains; 44 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 2 tank cars, 2 gondolas of cranes³, and 22 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

14 April - 4 trains; 34 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, 18 tank cars, and 23 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

3. Ordubad to Dzhulfa:

8 April - 3 trains; 19 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, 23 tank cars, 21 gondolas of material, and 4 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

Road: 34 trucks, 2 jeeps, 3 cars, and 80 soldiers.

9 April - 3 trains; 30 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 10 tank cars, and 26 empty gondolas; no night trains.

Road: 28 trucks, 6 jeeps, 1 car, and 75 soldiers.

10 April - 3 trains; 20 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 39 tank cars, 17 gondolas of material, and 14 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Road: 41 trucks, 3 jeeps, 4 cars, and 110 soldiers.

11 April - 4 trains; 29 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, 7 tank cars, 14 gondolas of material, and 15 empty gondolas; no night trains.

Road: 50 trucks, 8 jeeps, 5 cars, and 85 soldiers.

12 April - 2 trains; 13 passenger cars, 7 tank cars, 21 gondolas of material, and 4 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Road: 73 trucks, 3 jeeps, 3 cars, and 145 soldiers.

13 April - 2 trains; 21 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 3 tank cars, 10 gondolas of material, and 4 empty gondolas; 3 night trains.

Road: 25 trucks, 2 jeeps, 2 cars, and 65 soldiers.

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14 April - 2 trains; 11 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, and 9 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

Road: 43 trucks, 4 jeeps, 2 cars, and 100 soldiers.

4. Dzhulfa to Ordubad:

8 April - 3 trains; 28 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, and 18 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

9 April - 2 trains; 9 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, and 3 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

10 April - 3 trains; 33 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 55 tank cars, 10 gondolas of material, and 4 gondolas of cars; 1 night train.

11 April - 2 trains; 9 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 9 tank cars, and 3 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

12 April - 1 train; 1 boxcar, 13 passenger cars; no night trains.

13 April - 2 trains; 15 boxcars, 12 passenger cars, 7 tank cars, and 14 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

14 April - 5 trains; 57 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 13 tank cars, and 15 empty gondolas; no night trains.

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5. Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:

10 April - 5 trains; 86 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 9 tank cars, 41 gondolas of material, and 7 gondolas of trucks; no night trains.

11 April - 3 trains; 23 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 7 tank cars, 17 gondolas of material, and 1 gondola of trucks; 2 night trains.

12 April - 3 trains; 40 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 12 tank cars, 11 gondolas of material, and 3 gondolas of trucks; 1 night train.

13 April - 1 train; 15 boxcars and 15 passenger cars; 1 night train.

14 April - 4 trains; 77 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 7 tank cars, 6 gondolas of material, 2 gondolas of trucks, and 2 gondolas of motorcycles; no night trains.

6. Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:

10 April - 4 trains; 25 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 79 tank cars, and 11 gondolas of material; 1 night train.

11 April - 2 trains; 9 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 21 tank cars, 5 gondolas of material, and 9 gondolas of boxes; 1 night train.

12 April - 2 trains; 8 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, and 3 tank cars; 1 night train.

13 April - 2 trains; 11 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 11 tank cars, and 3 gondolas of material; no night trains.

14 April - 3 trains; 23 boxcars, 15 passenger cars, 9 tank cars, and 27 gondolas of material; no night trains.

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7. Dzhulfa to Baku:

- 11 April - 4 trains; 36 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, 18 tank cars, 1 gondola of soldiers, 9 gondolas of boxes, and 10 empty gondolas; 1 night train.
- 12 April - 1 train; 14 passenger cars; 1 night train.
- 13 April - 4 trains; 45 boxcars, 24 tank cars, 6 gondolas of boxes, 2 gondolas of material, and 14 empty gondolas; 1 night train.
- 14 April - 4 trains; 62 boxcars, 13 tank cars, 2 gondolas of material, and 5 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

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8. Baku to Dzhulfa:

- 10 April - 5 trains; 65 boxcars, 22 tank cars, 34 gondolas of material, 4 gondolas of trucks, and 9 empty gondolas.
- 11 April - 3 trains; 67 boxcars, 4 tank cars, 20 gondolas of material, 1 gondola of trucks, and 12 empty gondolas.
- 12 April - 2 trains; 25 boxcars, 7 tank cars, 9 gondolas of material, 4 gondolas of trucks, and 3 empty gondolas.
- 13 April - 3 trains; 28 boxcars, 8 tank cars, 36 gondolas of material, 2 gondolas of trucks, and 7 empty gondolas.
- 14 April - 1 train; 7 boxcars, 1 tank car, and 19 gondolas of material.

9. Dzhulfa to Baku:

- 10 April - 4 trains; 72 boxcars, 16 passenger cars, 6 tank cars, 5 gondolas of material, and 11 empty gondolas.
- 11 April - 4 trains; 27 boxcars, 13 passenger cars, 34 tank cars, and 8 empty gondolas.
- 12 April - 2 trains; 8 boxcars, 14 passenger cars, and 21 tank cars.
- 13 April - 2 trains; 39 boxcars, 19 passenger cars, 6 tank cars, and 4 gondolas of boxes of ammunition.
- 14 April - 2 trains; 35 boxcars, 5 passenger cars, 17 tank cars, 2 gondolas of material, and 3 empty gondolas.

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No explanation was given for the omission of data which logically should have been given, such as road traffic from Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan, etc.

1. Comment. Flatcars are probably included in this figure throughout the report.
2. Comment. These soldiers were stated to be "uncovered". They may have been in the trucks.
3. Comment. Possibly railroad cranes are meant.

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